action in pursuance of the Supreme Court's order dated 13.10.1999 and 7.12.1999 passed in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 559/1994-R.D. Upadhayaya Vs. State of Andhra Pradesh and Others.

The Central Government have sanctioned a scheme of setting up 1734 Fast Track Courts on the basis of the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission for disposing off long pending sessions cases and other cases involving undertrials on priority.

Solving of North-Eastern insurgency problem

1820. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news article which appeared in 'Lokmat Times', dated the 17th January, 2002, under the heading "Centre not serious to solve North-Eastern insurgency"; and

(b) if so, what is the response thereto and what corrective steps have been taken or propose to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Government has seen the news article. There are reports of some militant groups taking shelter in Bangladesh. The issue is regularly taken up on bilateral basis with Bangladesh. Bangladesh has repeatedly stated categorically that it will not allow its territory to be used for terrorism or against the interests of another friendly country.

Impact of Islamabad's crackdown on terrorists outfits

1821. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is Government's assessment of the impact of the reported crack-down by Islamabad on terrorist outfits like Lashkar-e-Toiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad and their cross-border terrorist activities?